

REMARKS

Claims 33-54 are now pending. Claims 33-54 have been added. Claims 1-22 are canceled. Claims 23-32 are withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Applicant requests consideration and examination of the pending claims.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frungel (U.S. Patent No. 3,529,208).

Claims 1-22 are canceled and therefore the rejection of these claims is rendered moot.

New Claims 33-54 are fully supported throughout the specification and in the figures.

Applicant has reviewed the cited references with regard to the newly added claims and could find no teaching or suggestion therein, which anticipates or renders the currently pending claims anticipated or obvious. For example, Frungel does not teach or suggest "removing a first gas from between said first and second electrodes out of the light source through the outlet valve, and simultaneously providing a second gas through the inlet valve into between said first and second electrodes, said first gas being different from said second gas" as set forth in Claim 33.

Moreover, Frungel does not teach or suggest "pumping a first gas initially located within the light source out of the light source while pumping a second gas into the light source, said second gas being different from said first gas" as set forth in Claim 45.

Claims 34-44 depend from Claim 33 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 33. Claims 45-54 depend from Claim 45 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 45.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 33-54 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, pending Claims 33-54 are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone Applicant's Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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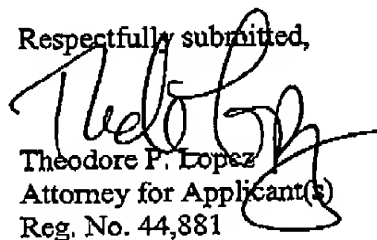
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